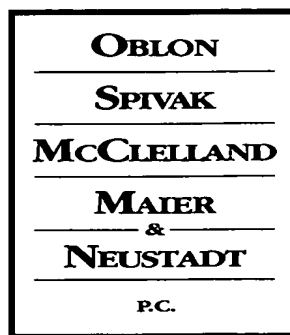




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (3 pp.)

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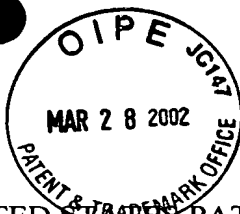
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In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-18, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a process of hydrodesulfurization;

Group II: Claims 19-26, drawn to a composition of a catalyst and method of
preparing of a catalyst;

Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1-18, with traverse.

In regard to Groups I and II, the Office has characterized the relationship between
these two groups as product and process of use. Citing MPEP §806.05(h), the Office
concludes that the process for using the product can be practiced with a materially different
product such as "disclosed in US patents 5,298,150; 5,320,742 and 5,318,690; 5,360,532; and